

# Southern California Regional **Burn Center**



The **Southern California Regional Burn Center (Burn Center)**, a part of the LAC+USC Healthcare Network, was originally established in 1958, making it the oldest dedicated burn center west of the Mississippi River.

Certified by the American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons as a **Center of Burn Care Excellence**, the Burn Center is the most advanced facility of its kind. It is located on the 5th floor of the Network's Inpatient Tower and consists of:

- 10 acute care beds
- 10 intensive care isolation beds
- A dedicated operating room
- A dedicated physical and occupational therapy room and staff
- 24-hour Emergency Evaluation Clinic
- An Outpatient Burn Clinic

The Burn Center also partners with the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center to offer long-term rehabilitation care to qualified patients.



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## Accessing Services

There are several ways to access the Burn Center's services. The specific method depends on the severity of the burn and the location where the patient enters the healthcare system. Below are the primary methods of entrance:

1. Patients with a critical or non-critical burn injury who present to the LAC+USC Healthcare Network Emergency Department (ED) will be briefly evaluated and stabilized if necessary in the ED. A hospital ID continuation card will be issued before the patient is sent to the Burn Center or transported to the ICU for care.
2. Patients who present to another facility for treatment will need to have inpatient transfers arranged through the Medical Alert Center (MAC) at (866) 940-4401. The MAC will arrange contact between the physicians at the Burn Center and the referring facility. After consultation between these physicians, a plan will be developed to transfer the patient for admission or referral to the Burn Center the following day for evaluation. If the patient has emergent problems, the burn specialist on call will be available to suggest recommendations for immediate care and to help arrange a safe transfer.
3. Any calls to discuss general or specific burn injuries related to patients or referrals can be directed to the telephone numbers listed below.

## Contact Information

### **Southern California Regional Burn Center**

LAC+USC Healthcare Network  
Inpatient Tower, 5th Floor  
1200 North State Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90033

**Burn Center General Number:** (323) 409-7991

**Burn ICU:** (323) 409-7997

### **Burn Center Director**

Warren Garner, MD: (323) 409-7759

### **Burn Center Nurse Manager**

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**Medical Alert Center:** (866) 940-4401  
(For Inpatient Transfers)